AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 to page 2, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

At power on to the data storage device, the system information is read to the device controller to govern operation of the storage device. It is common to perform multiple retries of a single copy of the system information before attempting to read another copy. More particularly, the storage device firmware will trigger the retry scheme to attempt to read back system information from the single copy. If the copy contains uncorrectable data error, all retries in the scheme will be exhausted before the next copy of the system information is attempted to be read. Typically, attempted reading a given copy of the system information is ~~retied~~retried a predetermined number of times, 100 or more retries being typical for a given copy of the system information. If reading of that copy is unsuccessful after the predetermined number of retries, the process moves on to the next copy of the system information to attempt to read the next copy. The process continues until either the system information is successfully read, or all copies of the system information cannot be read after attempting to read the data from each copy the predetermined number of retries. While three copies of system information is usually stored in the system sectors, five or more copies of particularly critical system information, such as sector defect lists and the like, might be stored.